

1 AN ACT in relation to the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987
5 is amended by changing Sections 12 and 22 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 80/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 3912)

7 Sec. 12. Applications for licenses and certificates.
8 Applications for original licenses and certificates shall be
9 made to the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the
10 Department and shall be accompanied by the required fee,
11 which shall not be refundable. Any such application shall
12 require such information as in the judgment of the Department
13 will enable the Department to pass on the qualifications of
14 the applicant for a license or certificate.

15 An applicant for initial licensure in Illinois shall
16 apply for and be qualified to receive and shall maintain
17 certification to use diagnostic and therapeutic ocular
18 pharmaceuticals.

19 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
20 complete the application process. If the process has not
21 been completed within 3 years, the application shall be
22 denied, the application fees shall be forfeited, and the
23 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at
24 the time of reapplication.

25 Applicants who meet all other conditions for licensure
26 and who will be practicing optometry in a residency program
27 approved by the Board may apply for and receive a limited one
28 year license to practice optometry as a resident in the
29 program. A licensee who receives a limited license under
30 this Section shall have the same privileges and
31 responsibilities as a therapeutically certified licensee.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-141, eff. 7-16-99.)

2 (225 ILCS 80/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 3922)

3 Sec. 22. Any person licensed under this Act may
4 advertise the availability of professional services in the
5 public media or on the premises where such professional
6 services are rendered provided that such advertising is
7 truthful and not misleading and is in conformity with rules
8 promulgated by the Department.

9 It is unlawful for any person licensed under this Act to
10 use testimonials or claims of superior quality of care to
11 entice the public.

12 (Source: P.A. 85-896.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.